



ADAMS COUNTY PROFILE

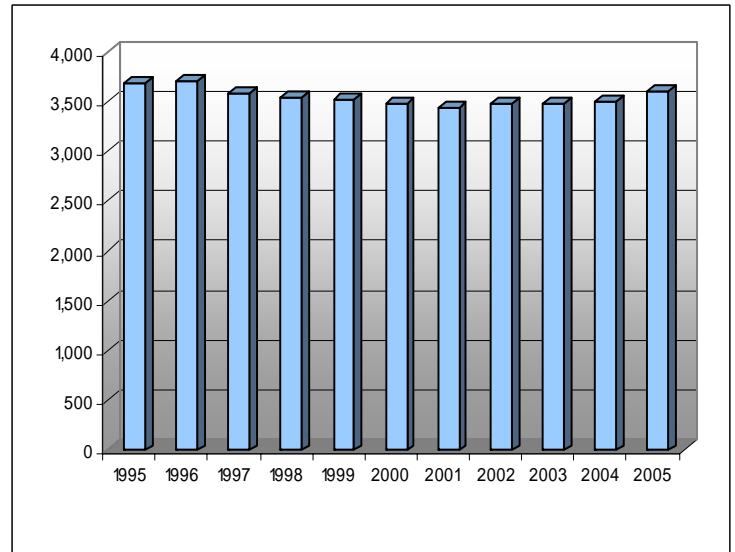
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Population

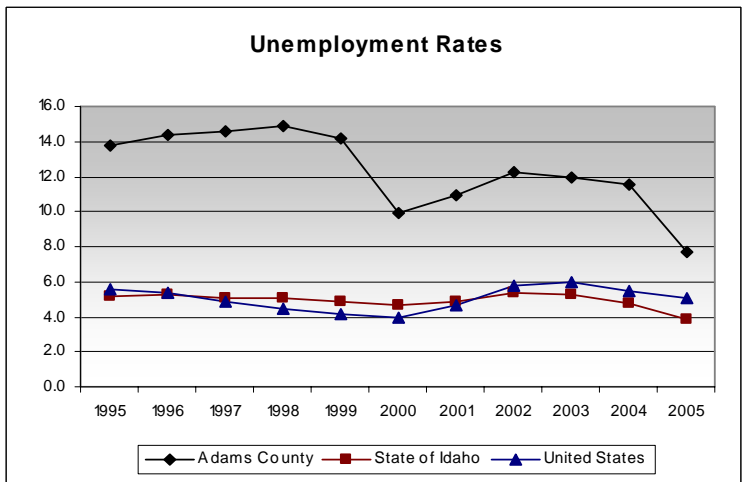
Adams County ranks 41st out of Idaho's 44 counties in population and is the 6th smallest in area. In 2005, the population of Adams County was 3,591 a growth of 2.5 percent from 2004. Following population decreases from 1997 to 2001, the county population has rebounded and has increased since 2001. Over the decade 1995 to 2005 Adams County's population actually declined by 2.3 percent. Adams County is the only county in Southwest Idaho to experience a net out migration. This trend is not expected to continue however. With the decline in the natural resources industry in Adams County so too came a decline in population. Partially due to its close proximity to Valley County and all of the development going on there, Adams County is seeing some significant developments of its own and its population is once again growing.



Labor Force & Employment

The Adams County *Civilian Labor Force* experienced an 7.5 percent increase of 132 individuals between 1995 and 2005. The annual average unemployment rate of 14.9 percent in 1998 was the highest in the past decade while the unemployment rate in 2005 of 7.7 percent was the lowest. The unemployment rate in 2005 experienced an impressive decline of 3.9 percent over 2004's rate of 11.6 percent. Over the last ten years, the number of people unemployed has never fluctuated more than 70 people, but in a small county such as Adams, a small fluctuation can be significant.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs in Adams County increased by 12.8 percent adding 103 new jobs between 1994 and 2004. The most significant increase in jobs was in *Construction* where the number of jobs increased by 218%. *Trade, Utilities and Transportation* also experienced large job gains as did *Leisure and Hospitality* increasing by 68.0 percent

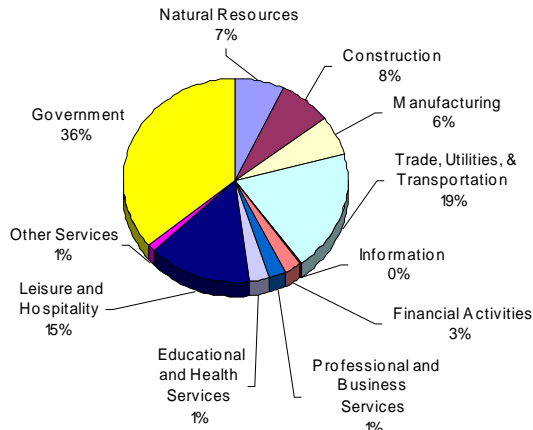


and 62.7 percent respectively. The job gains in these industries illustrate the changing economy of Adams County from a natural resource based economy to a service sector tourist based economy. A lot of building, a lot of retail, and a lot of recreation jobs are now replacing jobs in the *Agriculture* and natural resources industries, in particular lumber related industries. Jobs in the *Government* sector which makes up over one-third of the nonfarm jobs in Adams County, have also been decreasing as many U.S. Forest Service cutbacks have been made partly as a result of the loss of logging jobs over the last decade.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	1,836	1,927
Total Employment	1,709	1,806
Unemployed	127	121
Adams County % Unemployed	6.9	6.3
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	1,766	1,821	1,667	1,663	1,609	1,905	1,931	1,664	1,819	1,829	1,898
Unemployment	244	262	244	247	228	188	211	203	218	212	146
% of Labor Force Unemployed	13.8	14.4	14.6	14.9	14.2	9.9	10.9	12.2	12.0	11.6	7.7
Employment	1,522	1,559	1,423	1,416	1,381	1,717	1,720	1,461	1,601	1,618	1,751

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Per Capita Income & Employment

Adams County ranked 16th in terms of per capita income in Idaho at \$24,311, which is 9.5 percent below the state average of \$26,877 and 26.4 percent below the national average of \$33,050 in 2004.

Government, Leisure and Hospitality and Trade, Utilities and Transportation account for the majority of jobs in Adams County. *Government* jobs are mostly with the BLM and Forest Service and are among the highest paying jobs in Adams County, while *Trade, Utilities, and Transportation* which is dominated by retail, and *Leisure and Hospitality* which is a lot of part time and seasonal work are among the lowest paying industries in the county.

Major Employers

Adams County
Council Community Hospital
Council School District
Western Timber Products
JI Morgan
Sagebrush BBQ
C & M Lumber Co
Meadows Valley School District
The Turning Point
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Bookkeeper	\$8.10
Cashier & Retail Sales	\$6.35
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	\$7.20
Clerk, General Office	\$8.15
Construction Worker/Laborer	\$9.00
Cook	\$7.45
Grounds Maintenance	\$7.25
Home Health Aide	\$9.00
Laborer, General	\$8.50
Maid/Housekeeper	\$7.00
Receptionist/Front Desk Attendant	\$7.50
Waiters/Waitresses	\$6.00

Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Department of Labor Web site at el.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	820	\$18,559	908	\$23,230	900	\$23,114
Agriculture	164	\$24,958	77	\$28,182	70	\$32,596
Mining	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	26	\$16,178	70	\$24,957	70	\$23,851
Manufacturing	*	*	74	\$30,388	58	\$27,795
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	99	\$11,734	163	\$14,484	175	\$15,125
Information	8	\$3,741	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	20	\$18,960	22	\$17,574	23	\$24,707
Professional and Business Services	17	\$10,037	9	\$33,595	16	\$24,681
Educational and Health Services	20	\$5,258	21	\$14,684	25	\$14,921
Leisure and Hospitality	81	\$7,196	135	\$10,479	140	\$9,449
Other Services	*	*	6	\$26,140	6	\$25,695
Government	379	\$21,575	327	\$30,463	313	\$31,086

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Adams County	\$15,702	\$16,381	\$18,270	\$19,404	\$20,113	\$21,750	\$22,187	\$22,382	\$23,141	\$24,311
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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